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BRADENTON RESIDENT NICOLE CLARE CAPOBIANCO
PLEADS GUILTY IN HEROIN OVERDOSE DEATH

Tampa, Florida - United States Attorney Paul I. Perez today announced that Nicole Clare Capobianco, a 23 year old resident of Bradenton, Florida, pleaded guilty before United States District Court Judge Susan C. Bucklew this morning to distribution of heroin that caused the overdose death of Michael Andrew Tippetery, Jr., age 23, also of Bradenton, on June 7, 2003. Capobianco faces a mandatory minimum term of twenty years' imprisonment up to life imprisonment and a fine of \$1million for distributing the heroin that caused the death of Michael Andrew Tippetery, Jr.. Capobianco is scheduled to be sentenced by Judge Bucklew at 8:30 a.m., on July 8, 2004.

The case was investigated by the Manatee County Sheriffs Office and the United States Drug Enforcement Administration and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Kathy J.M. Peluso.